

# January

Magic Lantern Society



Be Sure to LOOK for those Buttons and roll-over effects

*Click Slide to Celebrate With the Boys...*

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## PART ONE: HISTORY AND MANUFACTURE SHARE

BY SHINGO ISHIKAWA AND DARREN WEINERT



In 2005 the NFSA embarked on an ambitious project to digitally preserve some 10,000 glass slides in the national collection. NFSA conservator Shingo Ishikawa and digitisation specialist

Darren Weinert talk about cinema slides and their history, manufacture and preservation.

This is the first in a three-part series. Read Part two and Part three.

<https://nfsa.govcms.gov.au/latest/glass-cinema-slides-1>



## A Fair to Remember: Colored Lantern Slides from the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition

All images from this series have recently been digitized and will soon be made available online.

See more slides at

<https://unwritten-record.blogs.archives.gov/2015/12/03/a-fair-to-remember-colored-lantern-slides-at-the-1915-panama-pacific-international-exposition/>



Palace of Fine Arts Building at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, 1915



The Palace of Fine Arts Building at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, 1915



The Netherlands National Building at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, 1915

## Mottman's Olympia WA

*Showing local images at your show's can be beneficial in gathering more historical information*

### From John Potter

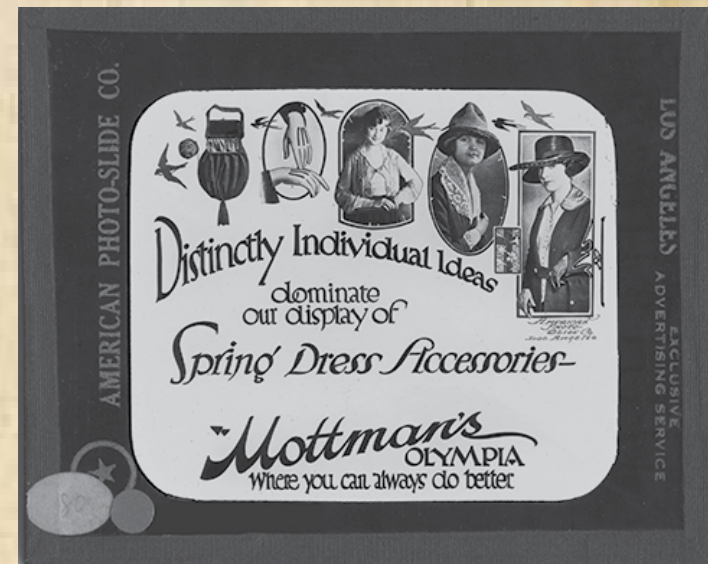
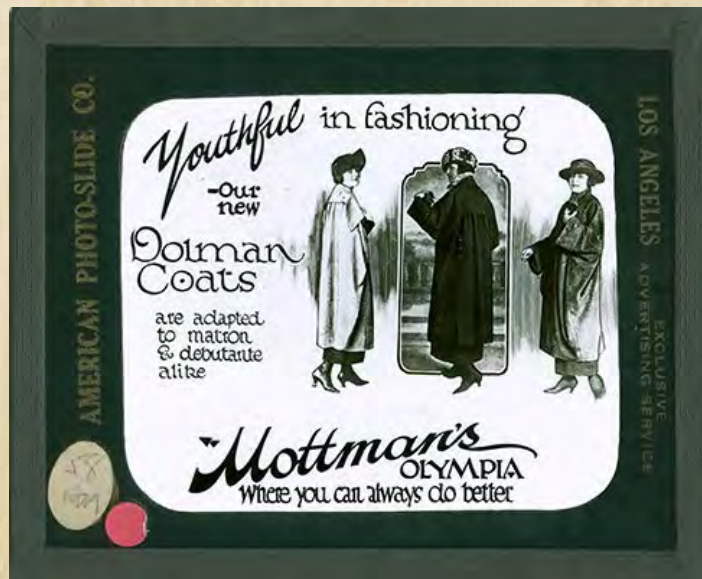
There was a dry goods store in Olympia, Washington, that used lantern slides for advertising. I have 10 advertising slides from Mottman's. Mine are from about 1919 to 1922, and are black and white, but there may be some in color. George Mottman bought the building that the Toklas and Kofman store were located.

The building was built in the mid 1880's, and Mottman bought it in the mid 1890's. He added a third floor in 1911. The building

was badly damaged during the 1949 earthquake. I think this is when Mottman quit the business.

After I gave a show in Olympia, someone mentioned, that after the earthquake the building was used as a fire station. The building is still in use today, and is on the corner of Capitol Way and Fourth Avenue.

From an article "Heart of Olympia" there is a story about Mottman's. "When you paid for the merchandise, the salesperson would put your money in a wire basket that went up to a balcony in the northwest corner where the cashier sat." One of the people at the show said that he remembered this memorable event.





## 3 slides



### From Beth Mackey

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I found three slides, each about 6" long with four pictures each. They have the label "Taf" in the corner with a number. Would someone from your society want them? They were with my dad's box of things and don't have sentimental value to me, so if they would mean something to someone who collects, I'm happy to have them find a home. I can describe the pictures or email a picture.

Hi Beth

Thank you!

Can we put 'Open to Offers'? The Christmas fairground one is fun, and possibly the one of the musicians might go with it as an opening fanfare....

They are probably German and around 1900.

Regards David

## Inquiry From the Web Site



### From: Fritz Aumann

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I have an old wooden box with a label in 3 languages with the English version being Magic Lantern (the other 2 are: .Lanterna Magica and Lanterne Magique) .

Inside is the lantern ( I think oil fueled), 2 lenses, 6 rectangular glass film strips (4 images) and 3 round strips (6 images plus the label J.S in the middle labeled Geology, Life of Christ and The Stupid Bear (in English, French and German).

Can you tell me anything about this device?  
I can provide pictures.

Thank you  
Fritz Aumann  
Bedford, NH 03110  
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Thank you, do you know if this item is of value?  
Thanks  
Fritz

## Lantern and Slides

### From David Evans

Dear Fritz

Thank you for your enquiry.

JS is the mark of Jean Schoenner of Nürnberg, Germany, makers of toys. The firm began production in 1875 and by 1894 had 250 employees making steam engines, optical toys and magic lanterns. By 1892 they had made 300,000 steam engines and probably a similar number of magic lanterns. No toys are known after 1906, and around then part of the firm's tooling machinery had been taken over by Johann Falk. The firm had vanished by 1913.

They also produced huge numbers of slides.

Not a huge amount unless in mint condition. Actually the original box is rarer than the lantern. You could check for similar on eBay, but you are probably looking at around \$50 - \$100.

Regards

David  
I hope this helps.

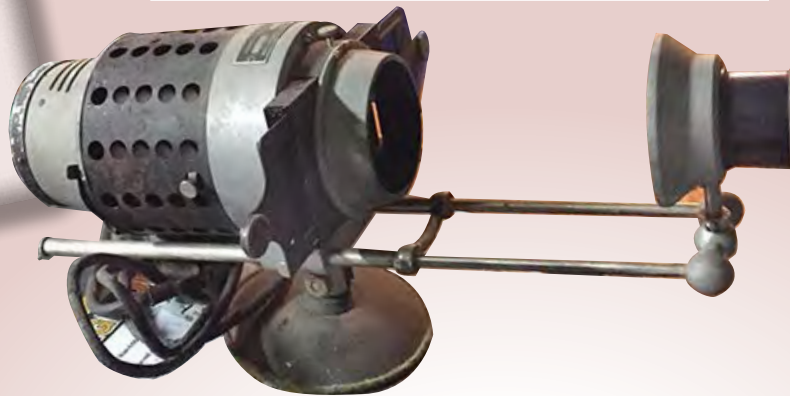
Regards  
David Evans  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Magic Lantern Society of US & Canada

Dear Harold, thank you for contacting the Magic Lantern Society. I'm guessing you are based in the US so I will send on your e-mail to our very good friends in the Magic Lantern Society of the US and Canada. I am sure they will be in touch very soon.

Best Wishes.....George

George Auckland  
The Magic Lantern Society

# Lantern slide Projector and 44 Slides



**From Harold Snyder**  
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I have a lantern slide projector and 44 lantern slides. I'd love for it to be in a museum or display of early photography. It includes steam bulldozers leveling coconut groves for Miami Beach. Does USF have any use for them? Do you know of others who might want them? It is a Victor Animatograph Corp'n, Portable Stereopticon Model 2, Serial no. 32916.



Here are photos of the projector and scans of photos of the slides. I've owned them since 1961. I got them from my private school where my daughter goes now. They were from a missionary who gave them to the school. The projector worked the last time I tied (maybe ten or 20 years ago). It was when I took the photos that are scanned. The slides are 3 1/4" x 4" in size. I also have 35 MM slides of the glass slides. How technology has changed. I took the three photos attached with my phone.

Harold Snyder  
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**From David Evans**  
Dear Harold

George Aukland has passed your message on to me for comment. Thank you for contacting the British Society!

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## Lantern Slide & Projector continued

Do you have any images of the slides and/or the lantern? Most of us in the American lantern society know what a Victor Animatograph looks like, but there were several variations on the theme, including for various formats of slides. Could you confirm the dimensions of the slides please?

We can put this in our next monthly E-Publication, which goes to all our members, and it may well be that one of them will be interested and has a suitable location that you would find acceptable.

Regards

David Evans  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Magic Lantern Society of US & Canada



responses

### From Rita Graef

Many thanks for including our inquiry!  
We look forward to hearing from your readers.

Rita Graef  
Curator, Pasto Agricultural Museum  
The Pennsylvania State University

### From Len Neale

Larry

Thanks so much for advertising our need for specifications of Sciopticon lenses, I suspect the lens on the magic lantern on the header of the newsletter would almost fit ours.

Also for the copy of your newsletter, I find it very interesting. In fact, the clowns in our magic lantern slides bear a remarkable resemblance to the ones on page three of your newsletter.

We have our Christmas December meeting of the Banana Shire Historical Society (at Biloela, Queensland, Australia and it is very hot) tomorrow so I will proudly display your newsletter at the meeting.

In anticipation that one of your members may be able to help,

Len Neale

### From Mark Sullivan

Larry,

Thank you so much! Have a fabulous Holiday Season and New Year!

Mark



## Magic Lantern Slide Repair

### From Brandon Hubbs

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Hi. I collect old fishing tackle and recently purchased a magic lantern glass slide which refers to the South Bend Bait Company, specifically to one of their company catalog covers from 1924-26. Both the front and back glass panels are cracked. I have replacement glass. Do you know of anyone in Iowa that repairs the old glass slides? Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance. Brandon

### From David Evans

Hi Brandon

The front glass is just a cover glass, and if you can get one cut (or use a derelict lantern slide as a 'donor') you can carefully separate the two layers and replace the front one. With luck you can re-use the black slide mask that probably is between the two layers. There is no way of repairing the damaged image glass, but would recommend scanning it at a high resolution once you have removed the broken cover glass. That way you can preserve the image at least, even if not the original slide. Any visible cracks etc can then be removed using Photoshop or similar. You could then print a good copy on transparency stock, mount it between two new glasses and you should have a good lantern slide again.

Picture glazing glass is about the same thickness as lantern slide glass, and the binding material was Pas Partout, that can probably be obtained via the Internet.

Good luck with it!

David Evans

### From Brandon

Thank you for the response, David. I have a replacement glass from another slide that could be used to replace the cover glass. But I don't have the black tape that goes around the perimeter of the slide (there is one piece of black tape remaining along the left edge of the slide). When you mention the "black slide mask", are you referring to the black tape? Sorry, I don't know much at all when it comes to Magic Lantern slides. I've attached a photo of the slide. I collect South Bend tackle and have been trying to find a South Bend slide for over 10 years, so I was tickled to purchase this, even in the condition it's in. Brandon

### David Evans

The slide is, I think, 3.25" x 4", which is the regular size for American format slides. The mask is generally a piece of thin black paper also 3.25" x 4" with a rectangular, round or other shape cut in it so that it looks like a picture frame. It also stops the image being pressed on to the cover glass. It probably has something of the sort, and it is good if you can preserve it and re-use it.

The black tape is Pas Partout (or Passe Partout), an old form of sticky tape that works far better than anything else for sticking lantern slide glasses together.

You can probably get it on eBay.

Regards  
David

### From Brandon

Yes, the slide is 3.25" x 4". The mask on this slide is white or cream colored and states "TOM PHILLIPS SLIDE CO." It appears to be glued to the back glass, and it's in good shape, outside of some blue discoloration. After removing the front glass, it looks like image is printed directly onto the back glass. The back glass is cracked but has been repaired previous to my owning it. The crack is obvious but doesn't look that bad. I'll look on ebay for the Pas Partout. Thank you so much for your help this evening. One last thing, is there a Magic Lantern publication that I could advertise in for more old fishing tackle related slides?

### From David

Hello Brandon

OK - white paper masks work just as well! It probably was not originally glued to the back glass, but don't try to remove it! The image is printed directly on the back glass, which is why you can't do much about cracks in that glass.

We can include a 'wanted' ad in our monthly E-Publication for fishing tackle related slides - one of our members may well be able to help.

Do you search eBay for such items?

Regards  
David Evans  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Magic Lantern Society of US & Canada

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## Fishing Tackle Related Slides

*If you can help contact:*

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### Lantern Projectors

**From M. Albert**  
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Years ago I attended a collector's event in Seattle. I'd like to sell a few small items. Is another such event scheduled?

#### From David Evans

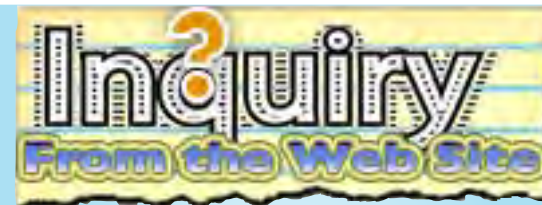
Hello Marv

The next Magic Lantern Society Convention is in 2018 and will most probably be in Canada, either Ontario or British Columbia. There are no doubt various collectors' events in the Seattle area that are not connected with the Society, but I am not privy to them I'm afraid.

Alternatively, if you send me pictures and prices required we could include your items in our next monthly E-Publication, which goes to all our members, and it is quite possible that purchasers could be found that way.

If you think we can help do let me know.

David Evans  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Magic Lantern Society of US & Canada



### About C.T. Milligan

**From: Joanelle Mulrain**  
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What do you know about C.T. Milligan's Magic Lantern Manuf'r, "Attack on the Watermelon" slide that says, "Dey Say I Can't" - value? Says: "N. 728 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. Beautiful b&w slide. Please advise - thanks.

Joanelle Mulrain, Jacksonville, FL

#### From David Evans

Hello Joanelle

Thank you for contacting the Magic Lantern Society of US & Canada.

The Society does not actually do appraisals as such, but it sounds like a part of a story or possibly a song set. It may be that one of our members may know something about it, so we can include your query in our next monthly E-Publication in the hope that someone can answer it. As good a way as any to establish the value of slides is to search on eBay. You will find that very few slides fetch more than a few dollars each.

If you could send me a picture of the slide image we could include it in our publication.

Regards

David Evans  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
MLS of US & C

## For Tom Tyler Fans Large Collection of Coming Attraction Slide Images

See More at:

<http://triggertom.com/Memorabilia.htm>



## 34th Annual DC Antique Photo Show

Sunday March 12, 2017  
at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn,  
Arlington, VA



## 37th annual PSPCS Sale, Swap & Show of pre-owned, collectible and antique photographica

Saturday April 8, 2017  
Kent Commons, WA



As Seen On



## From Terry Borton

Very rare photographic slide for sale, cheap!

<http://www.ebay.com/itm/C-T-MILLIGAN-GLASS-LANTERN-SLIDE-CHRIST-WALKING-ON-THE-WATERS-VINTAGE-PHOTOGRAPH-/311750970082?hash=item4895ce4ae2:g:bwkAA0Sw>  
a~BYPipX

WOW! That is a rare slide, photo image  
1700+ years before what we know as photo-  
graphy beginning.

Listed in category: Collectibles > Photographic Images >  
Vintage & Antique (Pre-1940) > Magic Lantern Glass Slides

C T MILLIGAN GLASS LANTERN SLIDE CHRIST  
WALKING ON THE WATERS VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPH



Starting bid: US \$5.99

[ 0 bids ]

**Seller information**

agrstuff (1971)

98.9% Positive Feedback

19 or more

**Place bid**

Shipping: \$8.05 Expedited Shipping | See details

Item location: Gilbert, Arizona, United States

Ship to: United States

Add to watch list

Add to collection

## LAUREL & HARDY COLLECTING GLASS SLIDES

By Rob Lewis

See More at:

[http://www.laurelandhardy.org/Laurel\\_and\\_Hardy\\_GLASS\\_SLIDES.html](http://www.laurelandhardy.org/Laurel_and_Hardy_GLASS_SLIDES.html)



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*for contributing to this months issue.*

**Now it's your turn to share!**

Do you have a favorite site or a collection of images you would like to share with the rest of the society?

If your answer is yes! Send site information or your images to Larry and they will be shared in the next E-pub newsletter.

**E-mail Larry**

## *To Members of the Society*

This is also the time for membership renewals. Payment may be made by US\$ check (to Magic Lantern Society of US & Canada) or by PayPal (US\$ funds please!) to: secretary-treasurer@magiclanternsociety.org  
Renewal fees are generally \$40, or \$25 if you are a student.

Thank you in anticipation.

**David Evans**

Secretary/Treasurer

Magic Lantern Society of USA & Canada

## **Nice Slide Show of Yosemite Lantern Slides, circa 1900**



<http://www.californiapioneers.org/news/yosemite-lantern-slides/>

